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Termination of Project AECHAMP

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CRYPTONYM: AECHAMP

Headquarters Case Officer:

OPERATING DIVISION: SR

[ ]

FIELD STATION: Frankfurt Operations Base

Room No. : 2611 J

Extension: 8545

TARGET AREA: Lithuania SSR

Date: 27 October 1959

The attached memorandum is a request for retroactive renewal of Project AECHAMP for the period 1 September 1958 through 30 June 1959, to provide authority for the expenditure of [ ] incurred during this period.

It is further requested that Project AECHAMP be terminated effective 30 June 1959.

Senior Staff

COORDINATION:

completed 1 December 1959

[ ]  
Chief, DDP/PG/FI Projects

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Chief, SR/2

Staff Coordination:

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27 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT : Retroactive Renewal and Termination of Project AECHAMP

REFERENCES : A. Memorandum for Chief, FI, from Chief, SR/2, dated  
27 May 1957

B. Memorandum for Chief, FI, from SR/COP/FI, dated  
30 July 1958

1. The necessary administrative action to renew this project, and subsequently to terminate it, was not taken earlier because of uncertainty about the direction in which AECHAMP may develop. A contributing factor was a variety of other more immediate problems. The major question was whether or not the project should be renewed, broken up into a series of individual projects, or continued as an over-all roof project for Baltic CE activities. However, as various activities within AECHAMP came to an end, were switched to other projects or acquired CE character, it was finally determined to terminate it and wipe away the past for a new start.

2. During the last approval period of AECHAMP from 1 September 1956 through 31 August 1958, of the authorized was expended on Project activities. From 1 September 1958 through 30 June 1959 reported field expenditures were

3. Reference is made to the memorandum for Chief, FI, from Chief, SR/2, dated 27 May 1957, attached; and memorandum for Chief, FI, from SR/COP/FI, dated 30 July 1958, attached, which recommended termination following the formal expiration date, 31 August 1958. Because this action was not taken at the time, the present action is, in effect, simultaneously a request for the after-the-fact renewal of the project as well as a request for termination in order to provide the necessary authority for the above expenditure of. As stated in Reference B, AECHAMP was originally a REDSOX project directed against Lithuania. During the period 1 September 1958 to 30 June 1959 no production resulted from this project and, although additional CE knowledge of RIS techniques and personnel was obtained, we do not feel that this is sufficient justification for a further renewal or extension. In the future, new projects may be written around individual agents as developments warrant.

4. The following disposition has been made of the project's agents:

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- a. [ ] a REDSOX agent dispatched in Lithuania in 1951, has not been heard from since spring 1956. He is believed to have been under KGB control since at least 1954, when information obtained through the [ ] strongly indicated control. He is, therefore, being dropped from this project. There are no commitments to any beneficiaries in the West. The only outstanding commitment is for a \$5,000 bonus in case of his exfiltration. In the unlikely case of an exfiltration the bonus would be paid only after a CE investigation.
- b. [ ] has been transferred to Project AEPOLE for use in writing and mailing PP letters to the Lithuanian SSR.
- c. [ ] a 1954 escapee from Soviet Lithuania and confessed RIS agent, and an escapee from a mental hospital in West Germany in June 1957. A letter from [ ] showed that he had returned to Lithuania. He was, therefore, dropped from the project.
- d. [ ] was terminated because of the fact that there had been no contact since 14 June 1956.
- e. [ ] a KGB controlled underground in Lithuania, had not communicated with us since an open text letter written in 1957. We consider the correspondence terminated and, therefore, drop [ ] from the project.
- f. [ ] is being terminated from this project because his use as a mail drop for [ ] has ended. His clearname will be maintained in order to permit the field to use him as an informant on emigre affairs.
- g. [ ] was terminated at the request of the field.
- h. [ ] has been transferred to [ ], which is the responsibility of another branch of SR Division (SR/3). He was transferred because his KGB targets were not primarily Lithuanian.
- i. [ ] has been dropped by Berlin Operations Base and his retainer discontinued.
- j. [ ] is being used as a letter drop under [ ]
- k. [ ] was run as a double agent against the KGB in Karlshorst, Germany, until 1 July 1958. It was decided to terminate the case because the agent refused to cooperate by

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not making a meeting with his KGB case officer in East Berlin. This case has been turned over to the BFV.

1. [ ] has been dropped as a reserve accommodation address.

m. [ ] Correspondence with this agent has terminated. The last communication in secret writing was received on 12 March 1958.

Chief, SR/2

Attachments:

- A. Memo dtd 27 May 57
- B. Memo dtd 30 Jul 58

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